

# THE T F O R D NEWS

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## THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

### FEB. LUNCHEON: GREETINGS, AND HAPPY MIDWINTER!

Come enjoy a savory lunch with friends at the North Thetford Church on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 11:30am. The Thetford Elder Network Luncheon Team will be serving spaghetti with meat or veggie sauce, a side salad, garlic bread, beverage, and frosted brownie dessert. Yum!

We'll have puzzles, maybe music, and possibly a very interesting speaker. We'll plan on a good time and hope you can make it.

*Susan Rump*

## THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

### FEDERAL TAX CREDITS FOR CONSUMER ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Good news! The Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 extended tax credits for some energy efficiency measures that previously expired at the end of 2013. The eligible incentives cover residential energy efficiency improvements installed by Dec. 31, 2014. The Department of Energy is in the process of updating its website to provide details on the extended tax credits, so if you made energy efficiency improvements in 2014, be sure to check the Federal Tax Credits tab at [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov) before filing your taxes this year.

*Alice Stewart*

## THETFORD LIBRARIES

### LATHAM LIBRARY

#### PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS CLASS

The next installment in Latham Library's fall/winter series of tech workshops. Come learn the ins and outs of this photo editing program.

Thurs., Feb. 12 at 7:00 pm. No registration required.

### SIMON BROOKS, STORYTELLER

Come hear the Upper Valley's own master storyteller tell tales for young and old at this family event. Thurs., Feb. 5, 6:30 pm at Latham Library. Free and open to the public.

**"FREEDOM AND UNITY: THE VERMONT MOVIE"** Film Screening and Discussion Series. Mondays at 7 pm: Feb. 9 and 23, March 9 and 23.

**VALENTINE'S DAY STORYTIME AND TEA PARTY** Stories, tea, and treats will be served at this program for children of all ages. Bring a favorite doll or stuffed friend if you like. Saturday, Feb. 14, 11:00 am at Latham Library.

**ON DISPLAY IN THE LATHAM LIBRARY GALLERY:** "Accidental At-get," Photographs by Dina Dubois.

**TECH HELP NIGHTS:** Thursdays, Feb. 12 and 26 at 7:00pm. Working on creating a website, blog, online store or Facebook page? Need help with a new computer or tablet? Get some help in a relaxed atmosphere! Latham Library lower level.

### PEABODY LIBRARY

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ON WEDNESDAYS:** After school activities at Peabody Library are intended for children in grades in K-6, and include a snack, stories, crafts, games, and other activities. They run from 3:30-4:30 on every Wednesday that TES is in session. TES students may take the #2 Bus from the school to the library with a signed note from home.

- Feb. 4: Elastic Band Stuffies
- Feb. 11: Valentine's Day cards and crafts
- Feb. 18: Lego Challenge
- Feb. 25: School Vacation, no after school program

**CHOCOLATE INDULGENCE:** Join us on Wed., Feb. 11 at 7:00 pm for the ninth annual Chocolate Indulgence: A Chocolate Lover's Evening. Saturday is Valentine's Day. Get a jump on the holiday by bringing samples of your favorite chocolate confection to share with fellow chocoholics. Copies of recipes are encouraged.

For more info, visit us online at [thetfordlibrary.org](http://thetfordlibrary.org).

*Emily Zollo*

## THETFORD TOWN CLERK UPCOMING ELECTION DEADLINES

- **Mid-Feb.** Town Reports mailed
- **Feb. 23** Pre-Town Meeting, 7pm at Town Hall
- **Feb. 25** Deadline for new Voter registration
- **Sat. Feb. 28** Annual Town and School Meeting at Thetford Academy 9:00am
- **Tues. March 3** Ballot voting at Town Hall 8am-7pm for Town and School officers, School budget.

*Tracy Borst*

## PARISH PLAYERS

The 9th Annual Ten-Minute Play festival opens Friday, Feb. 13 (no, we are not superstitious).

Seven plays selected from over 140 entries from all over the continent. Something for everyone, some harsh language and mature themes. As always, lots of laughs.

Opening weekend: Fri. the 13th and Sat. the 14th at 7pm, Sun. the 15th at 3pm, then Thurs. the 19th, Fri. the 20th and Sat. the 21st at 7pm, Sun. the 22nd at 3pm.

Tickets \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. \$2 discount on opening night.

Reservations: 785-4344. More info at [parishplayers.org](http://parishplayers.org) and Facebook.

*Neal Meglathery*

## THETFORD SCIENCE FAIR

### THE SCIENCE FAIR IS COMING TO THETFORD ELEMENTARY!

The Thetford After School Program and the TES-PTO are hosting a **Science Fair from 5pm-7pm on Wednesday, Feb. 18**, in the TES gym. Over 100 students will be showcasing their science experiments, inventions and research projects. We invite all parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and community members to come view and explore the TES students' scientific and engineering accomplishments.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great event, please contact:

- Rebecca Yukica:  
[ryukica@gmail.com](mailto:ryukica@gmail.com)
- Angie Spickard:  
[angelaspickard@hotmail.com](mailto:angelaspickard@hotmail.com)

We are so excited for this upcoming event and hope you are too. We look forward to seeing you on Feb. 18th!

*Angie Spickard*

## THETFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to **Eric Lavik '15, Thetford Academy's Student of the Month** for January 2015. Eric is the son of Nancy and Lawrence Lavik of Thetford Center.

**Thetford Academy Robotics Team 4886A**, consisting of senior Matt Borst and junior Frank (Ruize) Zhu, won the tournament championship in two VEX Robotics tournaments, the Seacoast Winter Classic at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton, NH, on Jan. 17, finishing first - and undefeated - out of 48 teams; and a North Andover High School meet in North Hampton, MA, on Jan. 25, finishing first, as a part of an alliance with a team from Pembroke, NH, out of 38 teams.

**Founders' Day**, commemorating TA's 196th year, will take place on Fri., Feb. 6. Join us for the Candle Lighting Ceremony, skits, songs, and indoor and outdoor games, from

7:40-11:00am. Founders' Night, with a bonfire and indoor activities, ends the evening for TA students.

The **Thetford Academy Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on Thurs., Feb. 12, at 7:00pm in the TA Library. All are welcome.

The **Parent Second Semester Curriculum Night** will be held Thurs., Feb. 19. The evening starts at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall.

Thetford Academy will be **closed Feb. 23-27** for winter recess. Have a happy, healthy week!

*Wendy Cole*

## DOCUMENTARY FILM: GMO OMG

Community Education & Discussion **Sunday, Feb. 22, 6:30 PM, First Congregational Church of Thetford**, 2596 State Route 113.

Introduction and Q&A session, Will Allen, manager of Cedar Circle Farm. GMO-free snacks will be offered.

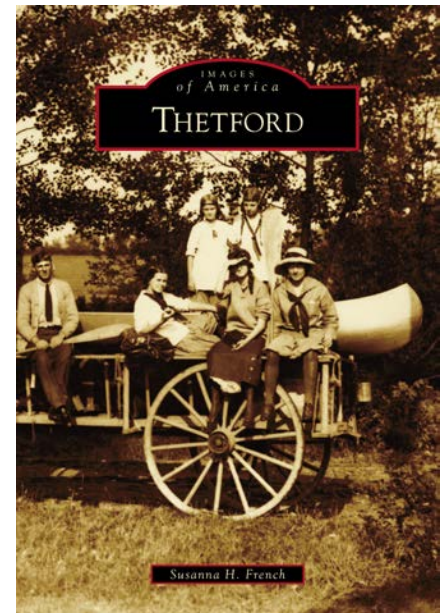
How do GMOs affect our children, the health of our planet, and our freedom of choice? And perhaps the ultimate question, which director Jeremy Seifert tests himself: is it even possible to reject the food system currently in place, or have we lost something we can't gain back? These and other questions take Seifert on a journey from his family's table to Haiti, Paris, Norway, and the lobby of agra-giant Monsanto, from which he is unceremoniously ejected. Along the way we gain insight into a question that is of growing concern to citizens the world over: what's on your plate? Learn more at [gmofilm.com](http://gmofilm.com).

## THETFORD: THE BOOK!

### BOOK SIGNING ON FEBRUARY 7

As part of Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* series, I've written a book about the history of Thetford. It's available now!

The photographic book, 128 pages, is full of images from the 1860s to the 1970s. I traveled to archives all over the state (and spent a great deal of



last spring and summer at the Thetford Historical Society, of course), discovering wonderful troves of images and information that made me see Thetford in a whole new light. Now I'm looking forward to sharing those discoveries.

Included are the places we all know and love: our general stores, our summer camps, our covered bridges, and our historic homes. Also included are many places lost to time: the Malmquist Mill, the homes and businesses demolished for the dam and highway, and places devastated by fire and flood.

Order securely and learn more at [susannafrench.com](http://susannafrench.com). Call 802-356-4542 if you'd like to pay by check.

I'll be signing books on **Saturday, Feb. 7, from 10am-noon at the Norwich Bookstore**. Come say hello!

*Susanna French*

## GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to [thetford@pendane.com](mailto:thetford@pendane.com) by the 25th of the month or by calling me at 802-356-4542. I generally enter news in the order in which it is received and may need to edit for space. Feedback is always welcome.

*Susanna French*